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Foreign Minister Larock, in speaking to me today of likelihood De Gaulle would form new French Government, said Soviet vice minister Foreign Affairs Kutznetsov, recently in Brussels, commented to Larock he felt Soviet Government could "get along with De Gaulle." Larock was guarded in his comments on French developments but expressed some apprehension events in France might affect Belgian elections June 1. He did not amplify his remarks but he may reflect socialist fears, which had not previously come to Embassy's attention, of swing to right.

Referring further to elections, he spoke of usual attrition affecting parties in power and did not say outright socialists would definitely be in next government. He emphasized Belgian foreign policy would remain unchanged regardless of identity of Foreign Minister. I gained general impression he did not really expect an upset or change in present socialist-liberal coalition.

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